

DALA LOCAL GOVERNMENT - KANO STATE.

SPEECH OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAIRMAN CARETAKER COMMITTEE (ALHAJI MAHMUD SANI MADAKIN) DURING THE VISIT OF THE AMERICA AMBASSADOR TO NIGERIA AT G.G.C. DALA ON SATURDAY 2ND JUNE, 2007

Your Excellency, The United States Ambassador to Nigeria and Your Entourage

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Education, Kano State

The Director, Personnel Management, Dala Local Government

Other Directors from the Ministry of Education and Local Government

Members of the Local Government Caretaker Committee

The District head of Dala, Sarkin Dawakin Tsakar Gidan Kano

The Principal, Staff and Students, Government Girls College, Dala

The Security Agents, Members of the Press

Ladies and Gentlemen

Assalamu Alaikum

On behalf of the people of Dala Local Government in particular and Kano State Government at large, i will like to express our sincere appreciation to His Excellency, the Ambassador and members of your entourage for this historic visit which will remain indelible in the history of Dala Local Government.

Your Excellency Sir, permit me to mention a few words on the history of Dala Local Government so that you will be in full picture of where you are visiting today.

First, Dala hill which the Local Government acquires its name served as the first settlement of the present day Kano dated back to 999AD.

The Local Government was created in May, 1989 from the old Kano Municipal Local Government and is located in the North-west part of Kano metropolis with it's headquarters at Gwammaja. It covers an area of 185 square kilometers with a population density of 495,309 people according to 1991 National Head count. This indicates Dala Local Government as the most populous Local Government in the Country.

The area is blessed with economic and commercial potentialities such as dying, lack smith, pot making, farming, fishing, shoe making and other commercial undertakings.

The Local Government is termed as 'Cibiyar Dimokaradiyar Nigeria' meaning the Democratic Centre of Nigeria. No wonder it produced reputable Nigerian politician Late Malam Aminu Kano of blessed memory, whose personal residence just opposite the college was converted as the Centre for Research and Democratic Studies by the Federal Government in order to immortalize his name and preserve his teachings and ideas for future generations.

Your Excellency Sir, I am also glad to inform you that the famous Nigerian businessman, Alhaji

Aminu Dantata is an indigene of the Local Government.

Your Excellency Sir, may I please intimate you on some of the tremendous achievements so far in educational sector by my administration since inception as the elected Chairman of the Local Government in April 2003 to date.

These include:

- a. Construction and finishing of primary and secondary schools because of ever increasing population in the area.
- b. Construction of 19 blocks of 114 classes and 20 offices in different primary and secondary schools.
- c. Purchase of JAMB forms and for free distribution to indigenes for admission to Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges of Education.
- d. Payment of bursary/scholarship allowances to indigenes of Local Government which is over N30,000,000.00 a year.
- e. Sponsorship of vocational training and procurement of working materials to unemployed youths of the area among others.

Finally, your Excellency sir, accept our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government and people of United States of America for their concern on the educational development of our children, more especially for selecting one of the post primary institutions in my Local Government.

Thank you ad God bless.

Alh. Mahmud Sani Madakin Gini

Hon. Chairman